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1. In 1954, the Magdeburg sector of the Elbe was adapted for two-way shuttle service transport, and orientation lights have been placed along the whole sector for greater safety in transport over this difficult section of the river. Magdeburg river port is located on the western bank of the Elbe, the Magdeburg-Burg-Brandenburg railroad line bounds the north side of the harbor. The actual harbor basin is 300 x 40 m. about 5 m. deep, and joined by a neck of water to the Elbe. 25X1

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1. Network of railroad lines connecting the harbor with the main lines. There are lines on both sides of the basin.
2. Buildings for storage and silos, masonry construction, three and four stories; varying in size from 15-20 x 40 x 50 meters.
3. Guiding apparatus, portal cranes on rails on both sides of the harbor basin; on the east side of the basin there is a silo equipped with apparatus for unloading grain by air pressure.
4. Management and administration building, on the southwest corner of the harbor, buildings of two and three stories, fairly old, about 20 x 25 meters.
5. Entrance gates to harbor, on the west side. One is from the streetcar lines, roughly in the northern third of the harbor. Another entrance on the southwest corner near the management buildings is regarded as the main entrance. The harbor and entrances are guarded by Volkspolizei and harbor militia. Special pass or seaman's book is required for entrance, but the person entering is not registered.
6. Czech harbor and Magdeburg station, inside Magdeburg Harbor and directly adjoining the Elbe. The Czech base is on the northeast corner of the harbor, surrounded by a wooden fence, except for the southern sector which is not enclosed. The base is 30 x 60 meters.
7. Wooden buildings, both the same size, 25 x 10 meters, with only one floor, house the management, station inspector's office, and cable and telephone lines.
8. Bunker for coal, in the area in front of the wooden buildings for CSFLO steamer. There is a crane rail with a crab raised 4 m. above it in the middle of the dump. An arm, 8 m. long with a ladle, has been fitted on to the crab. Coal is loaded directly on the ships. The coal is from Czechoslovakia and is brought by barges.

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9. Steel bridge, connecting the eastern part, 7 m wide, and 16 m long with no pillars. A stone corridor or channel goes through one of the bases to the bridge and runs under the basin.
10. Training Center and Vopo Barracks, in 2 blocks of wooden huts, used for training river police (Wasser-Schutz Polizei); their boathouse is in the northern part of the basin with about 5 police boats moored by. The Vopo unit is armed with ordinary army rifles. There are about 70 men.

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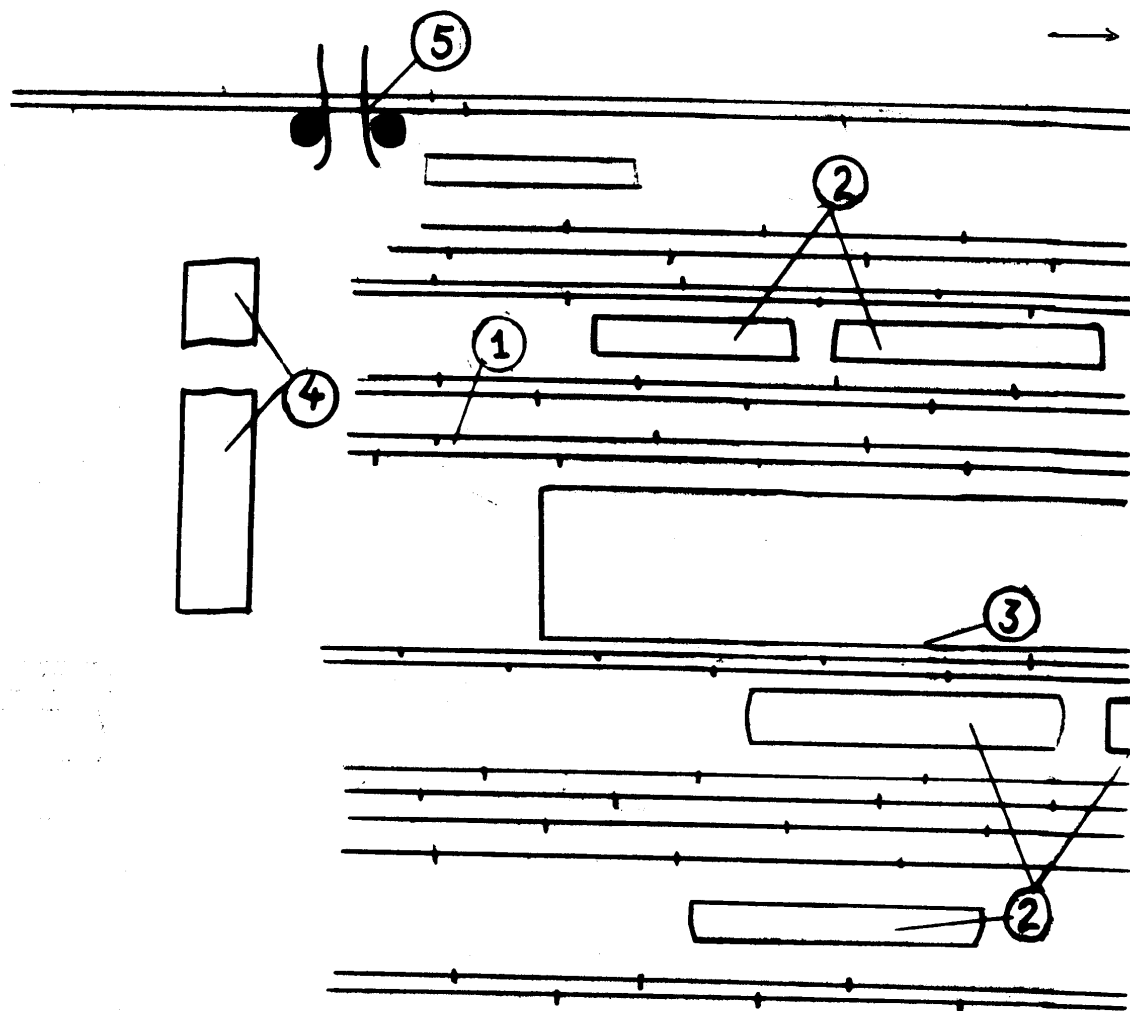
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